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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Y. Tom Tang et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/664,641

EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned

FILING DATE: September 19, 2000

ART UNIT: 1645

FOR: Novel Nucleic Acids and Polypeptides

June 28, 2001  
Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND SUBMISSION OF THE PROCESSING  
AND RETENTION FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(iv)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a five-month extension of time to respond to the November 28, 2000, Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on June 28, 2001. Enclosed is check (#9360) in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the cost of the balance due by Applicants (including surcharge), and check (#9361) in the amount of \$945.00 to cover the cost of the extension due by Applicants.

Applicants also submit herewith the processing and retention fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(iv). The present application was filed on September 19, 2000 with a specification including a description and claims and is therefore entitled to this filing date as set forth in 37 CFR §1.53(b). Enclosed is check (#9362) in the amount of \$ 130.00 to cover the cost of the processing and retention fee.

A continuation application claiming the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 is being filed simultaneously.

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Although applicant believes no additional fees are due with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21272-041CIP2C). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

- Petition for Extension of Time and Submission of the Processing and Retention Fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(iv) (2 pgs.);
- Check 9360 for \$65.00 for Balance Due;
- Check 9361 for \$945.00 for Extension Fee;
- Check 9362 for \$130.00 for Processing and Retention Fee;
- Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21272-041CIP2C).

A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 28, 2001

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